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1. The Czech Government which, as early as July 1950 and up to the end of 1950, was taking measures to create a so-called dead zone along the Czech border by destroying villages and towns, has now declared the border area restricted and has put up wire entanglements and laid mine fields [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM  
[REDACTED] These measures seem to coincide with those of the Soviet Zone Government to intensify its border control. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
2. Beginning early 1951, new SNB stations were established along the border and those already existing were reinforced. Illegal border crossers who fled from Czechoslovakia stated that major SNB units had moved to locations near the border. The personnel of the Czech Finance Administration who, together with the SNB perform patrol duties in the border area, was also augmented. 50X1-HUM
3. Coincident with the reinforcement of the SNB personnel stationed on the Czech border was the establishment of three border control lines. One of these lines runs directly along the border and is patrolled by SNB and finance officials, a second line which runs six to eight km behind the border is patrolled by the SNB and a third line which runs 10 to 20 km behind the border is patrolled by both the SNB and the STB. The first line which runs directly along the border includes the original border stations. The SNB and finance officials who patrol this area are accompanied by dogs. They patrol the border sector from their respective stations to the neighboring station and back. It has been observed that personnel of SNB stations sometimes patrol areas of neighboring finance stations and vice versa. The second line is occupied by newly posted SNB units, which are the only units in that area performing patrol duties. Some of these units are motorized. The third line runs along the termini of the railroad and bus lines in the border area. All of these stations are controlled by STB and SNB personnel who check identification papers and baggage.
4. Persons who travel from the interior of Czechoslovakia to the border area are required to have a permit issued by the burgomaster of the place they intend to visit authorizing them to stay there. Individuals without such a permit are arrested by the STB, which is on the look out for persons suspected of attempting to flee Czechoslovakia. Persons thus apprehended are transferred to the SNB for further handling. 50X1-HUM

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5. Several Czech refugees stated that trains and buses are checked by the STB at their places of destination. The STB unobtrusively watches travelers in trains and buses and reports suspects to the STB for arrest. Refugees have stated that in such cases the STB acts as the executive arm in order not to expose the STB. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] female STB personnel are often employed in buses and trains 50X1-HUM operating in the border area.

6. Persons apprehended are usually taken to the nearest STB station and then to an STB jail where they are normally sentenced to imprisonment or hard labor. Persons from the Western Zones when arrested are usually charged with espionage against Czechoslovakia. Such persons are also confined in STB jails; however, when sentenced they are taken to district court jails. While in detention they are subjected to numerous STB interrogations.

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8. No instances have yet been reported of the STB interrogating persons on military information pertaining to the western occupation forces; however, it is highly probable that this is explained by the fact that fear of the STB induces such persons to maintain silence. \*\*

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Comment. These measures of the Czech authorities have served to reduce greatly the illegal border traffic between Czechoslovakia and West Germany. The security measures employed along the Czech border are even more effective than those applied along the Soviet -onal border. Periodic illegal crossing of the Czech border is virtually impossible.

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